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SUBJECT: URANIUM ENRICHMENT: USG POSITION ON PROPOSED UR-
- ANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT IN AUSTRALIA

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1. FOLLOWING APPLIES TO YOUR REQUEST FOR UPDATED EVALUATION
ON POSSIBLE URANIUM ENRICHMENT FACILITY IN AUSTRALIA: (A)
USG, FULLY AWARE OF INTERVENING EVENTS AFFECTING PROSPECTS
FOR ENRICHMENT IN AUSTRALIA, MAINTAINS POSITION (STATED IN
REF A) THAT US EMBASSY INVOLVEMENT WITH US FIRMS WISHING
TO SELL ENRICHMENT PROJECT-RELATED EQUIPMENT 0E LIMITED AT
THIS TIME TO BEING ACCOMMODATIVE AND SUPPORTIVE RATHER THAN
OUTRIGHT PROMOTIONAL; (B) PRIVATE US ENRICHERS WERE INFORM-
ED BY ERDA IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR THAT, WITH THE ESTABLISH-
MENT OF THE IEA, THE USG WOULD BE PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE
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WITH FOREIGN ENTITIES ON POSSIBLE TECHNOLOGY SHARING PROPOS-

ALS; (C) PRIVATE ENRICHERS WERE ADVISED CONTACTS WITH IEA MEMBERS WOULD BE FAVORED, AND THAT ALL PROPOSALS WOULD BE REVIEWED BY THE USG IN TERMS OF A SERIES OF CRITERIA INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS FOR ENERGY COOPERATION, SAFEGUARDS, NON-PROLIFERATION, SECURITY ACCEPTABILITY, AND U.S. INTERESTS IN ASSURING DOMESTIC FUEL SUPPLY AND PRIVATE ENRICHMENT

INDUSTRY; (D) UNDER PRESENT US POLICY, FINAL USG APPROVAL OF PROPOSALS INVOLVING TRANSFER OF GASEOUS DIFFUSION OR CENTRIFUGE TECHNOLOGY FOR AN ENRICHMENT FACILITY IN AUSTRALIA WOULD, INTER ALIA, BE CONTINGENT UPON SUCCESSFUL PRIVATE US INDUSTRY ENTRY INTO DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF ENRICHED URANIUM (FYI: THE USG IS CURRENTLY DISCUSSING WITH URANIUM ENRICHMENT ASSOCIATES - BECHTEL ET AL. - THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE NECESSARY FOR A FOURTH ENRICHMENT PLANT AND WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO ADVISE SHORTLY ON THE OUTCOME OF THESE DISCUSSIONS. END FYI.); (E) OF SOME SIGNIFICANCE ALSO IS THE ONGOING EFFORTS OF THE STANDING WORKING GROUP ON ENRICHED URANIUM SUPPLY OF THE IEA TO CONSIDER THE FULL RANGE OF POSSIBLE COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF NATURAL AND ENRICHED URANIUM. THE OUTCOME OF THESE EFFORTS, IN PARTICULAR THE STUDY OF WORLD ENRICHMENT SUPPLY/DEMAND INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED SHORTLY AND SUBSEQUENT PROPOSALS THAT MIGHT BE DEVELOPED FOR A SECOND-PHASE PROGRAM, WILL PROBABLY ENTER INTO USG ASSESSMENT OF ENRICHMENT TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.

2. PRESENT POLICY, AS NOTED, CONSTRAINS ABILITY OF USG OFFICIALS TO ACTIVELY APPROACH GOA ON ENRICHMENT TECHNOLOGY SHARING, BUT LIMITED COMMUNICATION, CONSISTENT WITH PRIVATE ENTRY GUIDELINES, MIGHT BE CONSIDERED.

3. USG UNABLE AT THIS TIME TO BE MORE DEFINITIVE, AND AGAIN RECOMMENDS THAT US EMBASSY INVOLVEMENT AT THIS TIME BE LIMITED TO BEING ACCOMMODATIVE AND PROVIDING INFORMATION TO WASHINGTON ON TIMELY BASIS. MEANWHILE, WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR ASSESSMENT OF WHERE OVERALL US INTEREST LIES IN LIGHT OF FACTORS LISTED PARA 1 (C) ABOVE, AND YOUR VIEWS ON BEST WAY OF INSURING US FIRMS REMAIN IN POSITION TO BE INVOLVED IN AUSTRALIAN ENRICHMENT PROGRAM. KISSINGER
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